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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Takahiko IRIYAMA *et al.*
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 Serial Number : 09/865,476
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 Filed : May 29, 2001
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 For : ISOTROPIC POWDERY MAGNET MATERIAL, PROCESS
 : FOR PREPARING AND RESIN-BONDED MAGNET
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 Examiner : J. Sheehan
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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 20, 2004

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official action mailed October 17, 2003. The Official action set forth a three-month period for response, making a response due on or before January 17, 2004. Since January 17, 2004, was a Saturday and Monday, January 19, 2004, was Martin Luther King Day (a national holiday), a response to the Official action mailed October 17, 2003, can be filed on the next business day, Tuesday, January 20, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: